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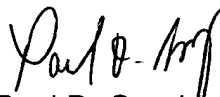
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Respectfully submitted,



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	4,556,314	12/3/85	Stone	356	73.1	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	Zafiropoulos, N., Examiner. European Search Report, Application Number EP 01 11 3887, dated 6 December 2001.

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